

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives firmly believe that this state's public schools have played an integral role in the educational development of countless young Missouri citizens; and

Whereas, this legislative body wishes to recognize an outstanding individual who has distinguished herself through excellence in public education; and

Whereas, Joyce M. Roberts, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, is to be commended for the contributions she has made in working with the under-served youth of St. Louis City as the Principal at Pierre Laclede Elementary School in the St. Louis City School District in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, Joyce Roberts oversees a teaching staff of twenty-four and a total of 244 students who are enrolled in grades PK-05 at Pierre Laclede Elementary School in the St. Louis City School District, of which she has been a stellar employee for the last thirty-two years; and

Whereas, Pierre Laclede Elementary School has been selected as a Gold Star School for 2002-2003 by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, in which capacity it was formally honored during the Gold Star Schools Forum held May 7, 2003, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, one of fifteen schools chosen for the prestigious Gold Star Award, Pierre Laclede Elementary School joins an elite group of schools striving and succeeding in providing young people with a high-quality, high-performance education that will prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow; and

Whereas, Pierre Laclede Elementary School could not have attained Gold Star School status without the unparalleled leadership of Principal Roberts and an exceptional teaching staff that has continually instilled within all students the desire to realize their full potential:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Joyce Roberts at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to touch the hearts and minds of Missouri's youngest citizens through education; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Joyce M. Roberts.

Offered by _____
Representative Yaphett El-Amin
District No. 57

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker